

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a drive member for propelling the vehicle;

a first tank having a fluid at a first pressure stored therein for use in driving said drive member;

a second tank having said fluid at a second pressure disposed therein; and

a device coupled to said first tank and said second tank and operable in a first mode to produce electricity caused by movement of said fluid from said first tank to said drive member and in a second mode to pressurize said fluid from said second tank to said first tank.

14. (New) The vehicle of Claim 13, further comprising a power source coupled to said device.

15. (New) The vehicle of Claim 14, wherein said power source selectively drives said device when said device is operating in said second mode to compress fluid from said second tank to said first pressure.

16. (New) The vehicle of Claim 13, wherein said device is an air motor/generator operable as a generator in said first mode and operable as a compressor in said second mode.

17. (New) The vehicle of Claim 13, wherein a pressure of said fluid is reduced from said first pressure to a predetermined pressure prior to said fluid reaching said drive member.

18. (New) The vehicle of Claim 17, wherein said device is operable in a third mode to compress said fluid from said first tank prior to said fluid reaching said drive member.

19. (New) The vehicle of Claim 18, wherein said device draws said fluid from said first tank in said third mode and pressurizes said fluid to said predetermined pressure prior to said fluid reaching said drive member when a pressure of said fluid disposed within said first tank drops below said predetermined pressure.

20. (New) A vehicle comprising:

a drive member for propelling the vehicle;

a first tank having a fluid at a first pressure stored therein for use in driving said drive member; and

a device coupled to said first tank and operable in a first mode to produce electricity caused by movement of said fluid from said first tank to said drive member

and in a second mode to pressurize said fluid from said first tank to a predetermined pressure prior to said fluid reaching said drive member.

21. (New) The vehicle of Claim 20, further comprising a power source coupled to said device.

22. (New) The vehicle of Claim 21, wherein said power source selectively drives said device when said device is operating in said second mode to compress fluid from said first tank to said predetermined pressure.

23. (New) The vehicle of Claim 20, wherein said device is an air motor/generator operable as a generator in said first mode and operable as a compressor in said second mode.

24. (New) The vehicle of Claim 20, wherein said predetermined pressure is less than said first pressure.

25. (New) A method comprising:

- compressing a fluid to a first pressure;
- storing said compressed fluid in a first tank at said first pressure;
- decompressing said pressure from said tank to a predetermined pressure;
- directing said fluid at said predetermined pressure through a device;
- generating electricity through movement of said fluid through said device;

supplying said fluid at said predetermined pressure to a drive member of a vehicle to drive said drive member; and
propelling said vehicle with said drive member.

26. (New) The method of Claim 25, further comprising using said device to compress said fluid from said first tank to said predetermined pressure if said fluid disposed within said first tank drops below said predetermined pressure.

27. (New) The method of Claim 25, further comprising storing said generated electricity.

28. (New) The method of Claim 25, further comprising storing said fluid in a second tank at a second pressure that is lower than said first pressure.

29. (New) The method of Claim 28, wherein said compressing said fluid to said first pressure includes drawing said fluid from said second tank and compressing said fluid from said second pressure to said first pressure.